THE

SPEECH

Of his Grace, John *Marqueſs of* Tweeddale, *&c. Her Majeſties High Commiſſioner to the Parliament of* Scotland.

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My *Lords and Gentlemen.*

AT your ſitting down, Her Majeſty in Her gracious Letter recommended to you two things, which ſhe thought moſt neceſſary for your own Quiet and Security, as well as for that of Her Government; The ſettling of the Succeſſion in the Proteſtant Line, and the providing for the Subſiſtence of the Forces, the Funds laſt given for that end being then exhauſted. The firſt of theſe you have not thought fit for your Intereſt to do at this time, I heartily wiſh you may meet with an Opportunity for it more for your advantage at another. The other all of you ſeem'd moſt ready and willing to go into, as witneſs the ſeveral Motions and Reſolves made thereanent, but withal ſhew'd ſtrong Inclinations for an Act of Security, as abſolutely neceſſar. I told you then, as I had done at firſt, that I had been fully impower'd, and inſtructed not only as to that, but many other things for your Good, but upon the Alteration of Circumſtances had not now the Liberty to make uſe of thoſe Powers even as to that, till I had acquainted Her Majeſty, and knew Her Mind, which I would do, and uſe my outmoſt Intereſt to procure it favourable, which was the true Reaſon of your long Adjournment, and not what was inſinuat by ſome, who ought to have known me better, the Character I have in the World being as I hope above ſo mean a Reflection.

And now *My Lords and Gentlemen*, I can tell you that from Her Majeſties innate Goodneſs, and gracious Diſpoſition towards you, it hath been more eaſie for me, and ſome other of her Servants, to prevail with Her than perhaps was by others expected; So that you have an Act of Security ſufficient for the Ends propoſed: And it's hoped at the ſame time you will perfect that of Supplie, which you your ſelves ſeem convinced to be abſolutely neceſſary at this time, and without which, neither the Forces can be kept on foot, nor any Friggots maintain'd for guarding our Coaſts, and ſecuring our Trade, both which, now lying before you, I hope you will go preſently about; that when finiſh'd they may have the Royal Aſſent, which I am ready to give, and thereafter you may have time to proceed to other Buſineſs relating to Trade, or your other Concerns, wherein I ſhall be willing to comply with your deſires, ſo they be within the bounds of my Inſtructions.

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